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fund administrators, and professional services firms operating in Jersey — for UHNW individuals, family offices, and their professional advisers.*

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ABOUT THIS GUIDE

The SearchOffshore Jersey Guide

SearchOffshore is the specialist directory for offshore and international professional services, connecting UHNW individuals, family offices, and professional advisers with profiled firms across 30+ jurisdictions. This guide provides a structured overview of Jersey as an international finance centre, with a particular focus on its private wealth, funds, and fiduciary services ecosystem.

The guide covers the legal and regulatory framework, key service categories, and the current compliance environment. It is designed as a starting point for conversations with qualified advisers — not a substitute for professional advice. All regulated activities in Jersey require appropriate licensing or registration from the Jersey Financial Services Commission.

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SECTION 1

Jersey: Jurisdiction Overview

Jersey is a self-governing Crown Dependency situated in the English Channel, approximately 14 miles from the coast of Normandy. With a population of approximately 100,000, Jersey is one of the world's most significant international finance centres relative to its size. The jurisdiction's political stability, established legal system, and long track record in private wealth and alternative investment funds have made it a preferred domicile for a wide range of cross-border structures.

Jersey is not a member of the EU and was not subject to Brexit in the same way as the UK. It has its own government, legal system, and tax regime. Its relationship with the UK Crown provides constitutional stability, while its independent legislative capacity allows it to develop a financial services framework tailored to international client needs.

KEY FACTS

Status	Crown Dependency (self-governing, not part of the UK or EU)
Capital	St Helier
Legal System	Jersey customary law with English common law influence
Currency	Pound Sterling (GBP)
Corporate Tax	Zero rate for most companies; 10% for financial services companies
Capital Gains Tax	No capital gains tax
Withholding Tax	No withholding tax on most distributions from Jersey structures
Regulator	Jersey Financial Services Commission (JFSC)
Time Zone	GMT (UTC+0) / BST (UTC+1) in summer
Major Legislation	Financial Services (Jersey) Law, Trusts (Jersey) Law, Collective Investment Funds (Jersey) Law

"Jersey is chosen for its regulatory credibility, its depth of trust and funds expertise, and its track record of adapting its legal framework to meet the needs of international clients without compromising on compliance standards."

SECTION 2

Legal and Regulatory Framework

Jersey operates under a hybrid legal system that draws on Jersey customary law, English common law, and a substantial body of modern legislation specifically designed for the international finance industry. The Jersey Financial Services Commission (JFSC) is the primary financial services regulator, responsible for licensing and supervising banking, trust company business, investment business, and funds services business.

PRIMARY LEGAL VEHICLES

Jersey Private Fund (JPF)

The most significant recent product innovation in Jersey's fund market. A fast-track authorised closed-ended fund for up to 50 professional or sophisticated investors, typically authorised within 48 hours. The absence of a prospectus requirement, combined with flexible structuring and JFSC oversight, has made the JPF the preferred vehicle for private equity, real estate, and debt strategies.

Jersey Expert Fund

A regulated fund structure for expert investors, offering a streamlined regulatory framework for open-ended funds distributed to qualified investors. Subject to JFSC registration and ongoing supervisory obligations.

Jersey Trust

Jersey trusts are governed by the Trusts (Jersey) Law 1984 and are widely used for private wealth structuring, succession planning, and asset protection. Jersey trust law is sophisticated, well-tested in the courts, and provides for a wide range of trust structures including discretionary, fixed interest, purpose, and charitable trusts.

Jersey Foundation

Introduced in 2009, the Jersey Foundation provides a corporate-form alternative to the trust for private wealth structuring. It has no members or shareholders, is governed by a council, and can be used for philanthropic, family wealth, and purpose-driven structures.

Jersey Limited Partnership

Used for private equity, real estate, and infrastructure fund structures. Jersey's limited partnership law is modern and well-regarded, providing flexibility in governance and profit allocation comparable to Cayman equivalents.

JFSC REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

The JFSC applies a risk-based supervisory approach, conducting both scheduled and unannounced on-site examinations. All firms providing regulated financial services in Jersey must hold a relevant JFSC licence and demonstrate ongoing compliance with the JFSC's detailed codes of practice. The JFSC has significantly increased its supervisory intensity in recent years.

SECTION 3

Key Service Categories

Law Firms

Jersey's legal profession is highly specialised in the areas of funds, finance, and private client work. The leading Jersey law firms — Ogier, Mourant, Carey Olsen, Bedell Cristin, and others — are recognised internationally and work alongside English, US, and Cayman counsel on the most complex cross-border transactions.

Trust and Fiduciary Services

Trust and fiduciary companies form the core of Jersey's private wealth infrastructure. Licensed trust companies provide trustee, executor, and fiduciary services to international private clients and family offices. Jersey is home to many of the world's leading independent trust companies alongside the trust arms of major private banks.

Fund Administration

Jersey's fund administration sector services both Jersey-domiciled funds and funds domiciled elsewhere but administered from Jersey. Services include NAV calculation, investor record-keeping, regulatory reporting, and AML/KYC. The Jersey Private Fund regime has driven significant growth in the fund administration market.

Wealth Management

Private banking and wealth management services are available through both international bank branches and independent wealth managers. Jersey-based wealth managers serve UHNW individuals and family offices with portfolio management, investment advisory, and related services.

Tax Advisors and Accountancy

Tax and accounting firms in Jersey provide compliance, structuring advice, economic substance analysis, CRS/FATCA advisory, and audit services. The Big Four are present alongside specialist local and offshore-focused firms.

Corporate Services

Corporate service providers offer company formation, registered office, directorship, and administration services for Jersey entities.

Notary

Jersey notaries provide notarisation and apostille services for documents required in international transactions and legal proceedings.

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The Current Compliance Environment

Jersey has invested significantly in its regulatory infrastructure over the past decade and is widely regarded as one of the most credible and well-regulated international finance centres globally. The JFSC applies a risk-based supervisory approach broadly aligned with UK and EU regulatory standards, though Jersey maintains its own independent legislative framework as a Crown Dependency.

JFSC SUPERVISION AND LICENSING

The JFSC supervises four primary regulated sectors: banking, trust company business, investment business, and funds services business. All firms providing regulated financial services in Jersey must hold a relevant licence from the JFSC, which assesses applicants against detailed criteria covering fitness and propriety, financial resources, systems and controls, and compliance infrastructure. The JFSC conducts both scheduled and unannounced on-site examinations and has significantly increased its supervisory intensity in recent years, with particular focus on effective AML/CFT systems.

AML/CFT FRAMEWORK

Jersey's AML/CFT framework is governed by the Money Laundering (Jersey) Order and supervised by the JFSC for financial services firms. Obligations include risk-based customer due diligence, enhanced due diligence for higher-risk relationships including politically exposed persons, ongoing monitoring, and reporting of suspicions to the Jersey Financial Intelligence Unit.

BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP AND CRS

Jersey maintains a central register of beneficial ownership information for companies incorporated in Jersey, accessible to law enforcement and regulatory authorities. Jersey has committed to implementing public access subject to the development of appropriate international standards. Jersey was an early adopter of the OECD Common Reporting Standard, implementing its first exchanges in 2017, and exchanges financial account information with over 100 partner jurisdictions.

ECONOMIC SUBSTANCE

Jersey's Taxation (Companies — Economic Substance) (Jersey) Law requires companies tax resident in Jersey that carry on certain geographically mobile activities to demonstrate adequate economic substance in Jersey. The substance test requires the company to be directed and managed in Jersey, undertake core income-generating activities in Jersey, and have adequate employees and expenditure.

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Regulatory Considerations for 2026

Private Funds Growth and JFSC Regime

The Jersey Private Fund (JPF) regime, introduced in 2017, has been one of the most successful product launches in Jersey's recent history. Growth has been particularly strong among UK and European fund managers seeking a credible, well-regulated offshore fund domicile following Brexit.

Post-Brexit Market Access

Jersey is not a member of the EU and was not subject to Brexit in the same way as the UK. Jersey fund structures marketed to EU investors must be distributed under the National Private Placement Regimes of individual EU member states rather than through an AIFMD passport. The Jersey government has consistently sought equivalence recognition and engaged with EU institutions, though political dynamics create ongoing uncertainty.

Sustainable Finance and ESG

Jersey has made sustainable finance a strategic priority, launching the Jersey Sustainable Finance initiative and developing a framework for green and sustainable investment structures. For institutional and family office clients with sustainability mandates, Jersey's developing ESG infrastructure is increasingly relevant in fund domicile selection.

Beneficial Ownership — Public Register Timeline

Jersey has resisted UK parliamentary pressure for immediate public access to its beneficial ownership register, arguing for a standards-based approach consistent with EU member states. Advisers should brief clients that structures currently benefiting from non-public beneficial ownership information should be reviewed with a view to their transparency profile over a 3–5 year horizon.

Global Minimum Tax

Jersey has enacted a Qualifying Domestic Minimum Top-up Tax (QDMTT) applicable to large multinational groups with revenues exceeding EUR 750 million. For the vast majority of Jersey structures — private wealth vehicles, private equity funds, and trust structures — Pillar Two has limited direct impact.

KEY QUESTIONS TO EXPLORE WITH A QUALIFIED ADVISER

1. Does the proposed structure involve a relevant activity requiring economic substance in Jersey, and can that substance be adequately demonstrated?
2. What JFSC licence or registration is required for the proposed activity, and what are the ongoing supervisory obligations?
3. For fund structures, does the Jersey Private Fund regime or an alternative regulated structure provide the appropriate framework?
4. What are the implications of post-Brexit market access for the distribution of the fund to EU investors?
5. What CRS/FATCA reporting obligations apply and has the home jurisdiction tax position been confirmed as consistent with the Jersey structure?
6. How does the beneficial ownership transparency position in Jersey interact with the client's requirements, and how should the structure be planned in light of the likely move to public access?

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SearchOffshore Directory

SearchOffshore profiles 202 professional firms across 10 service categories in Jersey. All profiled firms are either self-registered or sourced from public professional registers.

SERVICE CATEGORY	FIRMS	DIRECTORY
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Corporate Services	14	View Listings
Fund Administration	34	View Listings
Fiduciary Services	55	View Listings
Trusts	55	View Listings
Wealth Management	32	View Listings
Accountancy Firms	12	View Listings
Tax Advisors	30	View Listings
Notary	13	View Listings
Property Services	18	View Listings



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